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## Large Crowd Attend Memorial Service

Memorial Day services were held in the Community Hall last Thursday morning and was attended by a large crowd. Major A. F. Parkinson of the Salvation Army opened the services, followed by Rev. D. A. Pringle of the United Church. Rev. Mr. Cole of Old Sun School delivered the address. A choir rendered an anthem.

Preceding the services the Veterans with the 122 Light Anti Aircraft Battery, Cadets and Cadettes paraded from the Legion headquarters to the Community Hall. When the services in the hall ended the audience adjourned to the monument where the final ceremonies were completed. The Last Post being sounded by Cadet Pringle. Wreaths were laid by the following:

George Bell, M.L.A. for the Province, R. K. Hunter, president of the local branch of the Legion, Mrs. O. J. president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Legion, Matthew Murray of the 122nd Battery, Cadet W. Poyden for the Cadets, Cadette Corps, Cadette Beverly McLann and the Gleichen School District Dale Hunter. Following the closing of the services at the monument wreaths were laid on the graves of soldiers in the local cemetery.

### THE UNITED CHURCH

Services:  
Arrowwood 11 a.m.  
Gunny 2 p.m.  
Gleichen 7:30 p.m.  
Everybody welcome.  
A. D. Pringle, Minister.  
Continuing the series on the Miracles and Parables of Jesus the subject for Sunday, November 21st, will be the miraculous healing of the ten lepers.

A meeting of the official board of the United Church (Gleichen pastoral charge) consisting of representatives of Arrowwood, Chmy and Gleichen will be held at Gleichen on Monday, November 22nd, at 8 p.m. Discussions of the general council recently held in Vancouver relative to ministerial salary and missionary and ministerial aid grants and all matters relative to the work of the pastoral charge will be considered and dealt with.

Rev. G. G. Smith, United Church missionary on furlough from Szechwan in West China gave an illustrated lecture recently in Gleichen United Church on his work for the Board of Overseas Missions. A small but very attentive audience followed eagerly the account of his work and a question period elicited still further information. Those not attending probably do not realize that we all or our ancestors were products of foreign missions and all that is best in modern civilization is inseparable from the Christian way of life.

## Appeal Launched For UEFB Organization

The United Emergency Fund for Britain started a three-week appeal for funds to aid Britons on Monday and will continue until December 20th. UEFB has established its nation-wide organization and has committees in every province with local committees in many cities and towns across Canada.

After months of intensive effort, devoted to setting up its provincial administrative bodies, machinery for co-ordination of all Canadian aid to Britain will start functioning immediately upon completion of the fund raising campaign. UEFB enjoys the co-operation and approval for the movement of a large number of leaders in government, religion, education, industry, finance, labor, and social and welfare groups in Canada and the United Kingdom.

Plans and objectives of UEFB as outlined, include an overall voluntary aid to Britain program. Donations to the fund will be used to make bulk purchases of food and other supplies and goods which will be shipped to UEFB warehouses in Britain for general distribution under the direct supervision of the organization's advisory council. General shipping charges will be absorbed by the British government, who will also provide free dockage, handling, inland transportation and warehousing in the United Kingdom. All such gifts sup-



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## News Items of Local Interest

A good crowd attended the Legion dance last Thursday evening and all had a swell time.

The next dance of the season is the annual Old Times' Dance. This one is always a dandy. At the end of December the Battery boys stage their annual dance.

There was such a small turnout to the arena meeting last Friday night that it was decided to hold another Thursday night, November 18th. Those people who have children should not fail to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. George Riches of Arrowwood who are now living in Calgary spent the weekend in Arrowwood and were visitors to Gleichen, looking up old friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bogstie a daughter on Nov. 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Rousseau and family of Dawson Creek, B. C., were visitors at Mrs. J. Rousseau, Duster who is with the force left Friday for Medicine Hat where he has been transferred. The family will follow later.

Glen Heuss of Arrowwood who was badly injured when his car turned over a couple of weeks ago is expected to leave the Vulcan hospital for home this week.

Eddy Ogden and Elliott Evans of Lethbridge spent several days in town last week visiting friends and hunting ducks and geese.

An inch or so of snow and rain fell last Thursday. This much needed moisture was most welcome and certainly laid down the dust.

David McLean who has been living in Calgary for the past several weeks spent a few days in town last week.

Dave states there are many former Gleichen people living in Calgary and wonders why they do not form some sort of a club.

Laurier Brown was the first one to be caught in the construction of the new water works system. Thursday a four inch pipe fell on the tip of his foot breaking it. Dr. Farquharson re-set it and Laurier is now living a quiet life.

Now that the cold weather season is approaching in Alberta, warning is being issued for car drivers of the danger of carbon monoxide fumes. Each year there are instances of the dreadful effects of these poisonous fumes, and they take their death toll despite the appeals to motorists to be exempt from customs and excise duties, materially reducing costs and producing more relief for every dollar contributed.

UEFB will also forward, without cost, parcels packed by organizations in Canada for approved recipients in Britain if delivered at UEFB warehouses in collective shipments. Standardized UEFB packages, in various sizes and prices, containing selected foodstuffs for deficient diets, are being prepared and will be available shortly. Arrangements are being completed to handle donations of used clothing, children's and similar items, who with out cost to the sender, early in the coming year.

to be on guard. Many old type cars are on the highways and the drivers these vehicles should be particularly on the alert against carbon monoxide. One car expert stresses the need of a thorough car check-up at this period to ensure against carbon monoxide and also to locate any car defects that should be remedied prior to the winter period. Much can be done this time. Also some of the old cars should be checked up to make certain that the vehicle is in proper shape. Guard against carbon monoxide by having window open to admit fresh air when starting up the car in the garage. Fatal accidents have occurred when this precaution was neglected. Always remember that carbon monoxide is a deadly lurking menace. Take no chances. Advise others to do the same. That will mean fewer motor-vehicle fatalities this winter.

Progres has been made during the past week on the new water system and quite a bit of six-inch pipe has been laid. Also some of the ditch filled in. As engineering problems the "sidewalk superintendents" are the "funniest people in town. Notwithstanding their efforts the work proceeds.

Plans have been completed for the annual battalion reunion of the Calgary Highlanders at Calgary Saturday, November 27th. This event commemorating the third anniversary of the return of the overseas contingent, will be held in the Recreation Hall of the Mount Ararat at 7 p.m. and all past and present members of the battalion, association members and friends in this district are invited to attend. The president of the association, George Jones and his committee have arranged a "bang-up" program and dinner letting at this celebrated occasion and a large turnout is expected.

We know where there is a case of 48 quart bottles of good old Scotch whisky—well just about where it is. This Scotch is pre 1st Great War stuff by about three years. Scotch in those days was the real stuff and was aged for a great many years before being put on the market. So this stuff we are speaking about must be well beyond the three-quarter century mark in age. At the time it was put away good Scotch whisky sold for a dollar or so a quart bottle. What would that stuff sell for in these inflation days when everybody has money? \$10, or \$20 a quart bottle. Your guess is as good as anyone's and don't forget it is not diluted with one-quarter water as the whisky is you buy now days. Well here is the story of this hidden whisky. In the years before the 1st Great War Gleichen was a bustling booming town and was the trading centre for ranchers who came from long distances. All the south country ranchers came here while there were others who came from the Hand Hills and Dorothy and other areas in that direction, taking two days to drive to town. There were no cars then. In the summer of 1911 a rancher went into the Gleichen Hotel got "right" and bought a case of whisky. At the rear of the hotel in the lane between Tom Haskie's restaurant to the Legion Hall there was a trench in which a watermain ran and was partly filled in. The rancher and his friends laid the whisky in the trench and covered it

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## U.F.W.A. Hold Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the U.F.W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. G. McLean on November 11th with Mrs. McKeever in the chair. Mrs. McKeever is taking the place of the secretary who is away on holidays. The roll call was answered by thirteen members. General business then took place and the correspondence read. The report on the dance was given and everybody was well pleased. The U.F.W.A. Ladies are planning to raise money for the Thrift Store to be held at the next meeting on November 25th at the home of Mrs. Quennell. The sale can consist of home cooking and everyone who is interested is invited to attend. A change of time for the meetings during the winter months was decided on. From now until spring the meetings will start at 2 o'clock. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Quennell and the ladies' committee will consist of Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McKeever, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Lajla and Mrs. Wilson—Communitarian.

The resignation of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King as Prime Minister of Canada and the swearing in of Lt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent comes as a climax to a year of hissing political events. New leaders in Canada's major political parties, the movement of two provincial premiers to the federal fold and arrangements for the entry of a third province would be exciting incidents in any one year. The return of five provincial governments—three of them with ideological differences—were additional features. Only the Ontario and Saskatchewan governments lost strength in the provincial elections. In our external relations Canada assumed her place in the security council of the United Nations with General McLaughlin as our national spokesman.

## SCIENCE AND THE FARMER

Probably no single group has benefited more from the march of modern science than the farmer. Science has given them a multitude of labor-saving machines. It has developed new varieties of crops capable of withstanding drought, frost and other elemental scourges. It has come forward with chemicals to keep the soil from starving soils. It has developed a great variety of weed and insect killers which have resulted in increased yields and therefore increased profits. It has created new strains of farm stock infinitely superior to the old standards of a faded age.

Where agricultural science is lacking only tomorrow will tell. But we may be certain of one fact—that no intelligent farmer who wishes to remain in the business can ignore its significance in farm economies.

Primary step in scientific farming is education. Few Canadian farmers are graduates from an agricultural college. Education, therefore, must be done at home. The local newspapers go out of their way to print material of rural nature in most languages. Farm magazines are replete with articles about wide variety of subjects dealing with scientific agriculture. Available to farmers without charge, is the great mass of educational literature from provincial and federal agricultural departments. Industrial firms have produced great numbers of booklets which offer the latest information on scientific farming. The local agricultural representatives are another good source of information.

The fact is, there is more solid factual information available to the farmer about his occupation than any other economic group enjoys. Let him use it to the best advantage of himself and his country.

## An English Journey

By Walter Legge representing the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association.

Here John Wesley built his first chapel and founded the Methodist Church—Wordsworth wrote his first poem—and from here John Cabot sailed to discover the mainland of America, and many other equally notable things are part of British history. It was the birth place of John Bunyan. Among the ancient shrines at Bristol is Christmas Tower, a steep street, partly stairs, which was opened in 1600 and is apparently unchanged since then. Bristol is one of the municipal ports of England only six miles from the sea, and the way in which ships come up almost into the centre of the city is most astonishing. When we were there two Swedish warships were paying a courtesy visit to Bristol and gave the astonishing appearance of being moored in the middle of the street.

Bristol's real gem of architecture is St. Mary Redcliffe Church, which Queen Elizabeth declared was the fairest, godliest and most famous parish church in all England. Although many buildings around it were destroyed by bombs St. Mary Redcliffe escaped serious injury although marked by flying fragments.

Another church famous for its leaning tower, Temple Church, was completely destroyed leaving tower still standing and still leaning three feet nine inches out of perpendicular. It was only recently discovered that vandals have deliberately hacked to pieces many of the most valuable materials which emerged—undamaged from the destruction wrought at Temple Church by the German air raiders. To get at them the vandals had to batter down stout iron bars and wire netting.

There are many of the most attractive spots easily reached from Bristol. One of these is Wells, an ancient cathedral city. Wells cathedral is one of the finest in England and has for many unusual features. Its history goes back 1200 years when a church was built by the wells which still flow and fill the moat around the bishop's palace. Parts of the present church were built before 1101 and the wonderful font with 10th century figures of statues was built between 1200 and 1212.

In the church is one of the oldest and most unusual clocks in the world. Dating from 1392. As each hour approaches crowds of visitors gather to watch, for on striking of the hour the knights on horseback revolve in opposite directions, representing a tournament, while a figure known as Jack Blackball, seated some distance from the clock, strikes his bells against the bells, and on the outside of the walls, two knights in armour strike with battle axes on bells.

The stone vaulting and carving both inside and out at Wells attract

is beyond description. St. Bishop's palace grounds are surrounded by a high wall, outside of which are many swans and ducks. The swans have been trained to ring a bell whenever they are hungry.

Near the Cathedral is a famous old street known as Bishop's Close, one of the oldest and prettiest streets in England.

About five miles from Wells is Glastonbury Abbey which now in ruins draws thousands of visitors from all parts of the English speaking world.

It is the legendary Isle of Avalon, and evidence shows that Glastonbury was founded one time either on an island or a peninsula. Legend tells that Joseph of Arimathea wandered into Somerset and on Christmas morning reached the Isle of Avalon. The saint stuck his staff into the ground, whereupon it sprouted and flowered and the brethren accepted this as a sign that their wanderings were over and erected a small Wattle church on the site. St. Patrick believed to have visited it on several occasions.

It is the Avalon of Tennyson's poem of the death of King Arthur and in the Abbey ruins is marked the reputed burial place of King Arthur and his wife Guinevere.

The body King Arthur was discovered and buried before the High Altar of Henry II and it is recorded that the relics were visited by Edward I and Eleanor in 1295. Glastonbury Abbey at one time was one of the largest, finest and most revered in England, but it has fallen into ruins which still retain some measure of majesty.

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